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SUBJECT: SECURITY INCIDENTS IN CAPE AREA; ANC CRITICIZED

SUMMARY: SECURITY SITUATION IN CAPE AREA DURING PAST WEEK HAS
BEEN CLAM ON SURFACE, PUNCTUATED BY SPORADIC INCIDENTS AND
WHAT ONE LEADING DISSIDENT CALLS " ANC STUNT-ISM." END
SUMMARY

1. DESPITE NEWS HEADLINES FOCUSSED ON POLICE RAIDS ON
SQUATTERS BEING SHELTERED AT WHITE CHURCHES (SEPTTEL)
SECURITY SITUATION IN CAPE AREA HAS BEEN GENERALLY QUIET.
SEVERAL SPREADS OF INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED, HOWEVER, WHICH
POINT TO CONTINUING UNREST BENEATH THE SURFACE. FOREMOST
OF THESE WAS EXPLOSION OF TWO PAMPHLET BOMBS AT LUNCH HOUR
IN DOWNTOWN CAPE TOWN SEPTEMBER 7 AND SIMULTANEOUS UNFURLING
OF LARGE BANNER READING "ANC LIVES" FROM TALL BUILDING IN
STRAND STREET. PAMPHLETS URGED PEOPLE TO JOIN ANC (AFRICAN
NATIONAL CONGRESS) WHICH WAS "WELL-ORGANIZED AND
WELL-ARMED," GAVE HISTORY OF ANC AND PROVIDED RADIO
WAVE LENGTHS FOR "RADIO LIBERATION" BROADCASTING
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EACH EVENING AT 1900-2000 FROM LUSAKA. POLICE REQUIRED
SOME 30 MINUTES TO CUT DOWN THE BANNER. TO REPORTED
AMUSEMENT OF LARGE CROWD OF ON-LOOKERS.

2. OTHER INCIDENTS DURING PAST WEEK INCLUDED: A. FIRE-
BOMBING OF A PREFABRICATED OFFICE BLOCK AT THE "COLORED"
UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN CAPE ON SEPTEMBER 4 WITH DAMAGE

ESTIMATED IN EXCESS OF 49,999 DOLLARS. POLICE ANNOUNCED THAT ARSONISTS WERE RESPONSIBLE BUT DECLINED TO SPECULATE ON MOTIVATION FOR THE ATTACK; B. CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S BANNING OF A MEETING OF THE PENINSULA STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL CALLED FOR SEPTEMBER 6 (THE PSRC WAS RECENTLY FORMED BY STUDENT ACTIVITISTS IN APPARENT EFFORT TO REVIVE FLAGGIN SCHOOL-BOYCOTT EFFORTS IN BLACK TOWNSHIPS HERE).

C. DETENTION SEPTEMBER 6 OF MR. A.Q. SAYED, MEMBER OF EDITORIAL STAFF OF WEEKLY NEWSPAPER THE "MUSLIM NEWS" AS WELL AS OWNER OF HIS OWN PRINTING COMPANY. POLICE SAID SAYED BEING DETAINED FOR QUESTIONING FOLLOWING SEARCH OF HIS HOME AND BUSINESS PREMISES.

3. A LEADING THEORETICIAN OF BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS MOVEMENT HERE TOLD CONGENOFF THAT ANC HAS RECENTLY BEEN ENGAGED IN "STUNT-ISM" IN EFFORT TO PROVE ITS "RELEVANCE TO LIBERATION STRUGGLES." HE SAID RECENT ANC PROPAGANDA WAS "COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE" BECAUSE IT ENCOURAGED BELIEF THAT WELL-ARMED GUERILLA MOVEMENT FROM OUTSIDE SA WOULD BE PRIMARY MEANS OF LIBERATION. ANC LEADERS ABROAD, HE SAID, LACKED BOTH POLITICAL AND MILITARY SKILL AND WERE "OUT OF TOUCH WITH REALITIES OF LOCAL SITUATION." WILLIAMS
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